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Approves incentives proposal from Mayor Tom Maddox

Elba City Council takes step forward in trying to attract new business to Elba

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the Elba City Council meeting held Monday evening, March 22, the council voted to give the mayor some leeway offering incentives to bring new business to the city.

The council and mayor had been discussing the

During departmental reports

City clerk notes big donations to Elba library and cemetery board

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the Elba City Council meeting held Monday evening, March 22, city clerk Sally Bane had a lengthy list of announcements for council members.

A really big and unexpected announcement was that of an estate donation made to two city entities.

Bane said the Elba Public Library and Evergreen Cemetery Board had been designated as beneficiaries of the Estate of Catherine Brunson Luening. She said the library and cemetery board would be receiving approximately \$400,000 each from that estate.

Bane said the city was working now to facilitate how best to get those monies into annuity accounts for the library and cemetery board.

Bane also noted the Pittman Foundation had made a donation to TigerTown Park. She said Elba Parks and Recreation director Greg Hanchey was looking to replace some swing seats at that playground with monies from the donation.

While on the subject of parks and recreation, Bane said youth baseball and softball was in full swing with practices. She said games would begin the week after Easter.

The city clerk extended a huge thanks from the city to Troy Regional Medical Center for providing a COVID-19 vaccination clinic in Elba last Saturday. She said due to Troy Regional, somewhere between 150-160 people received the first of two COVID-19 vaccine shots.

Troy Regional staff will

matter for a while now, and official action was taken this week.

Upon recommendation of Mayor Tom Maddox, the council approved a list of potential incentives for new businesses to include:

- Business license fees waived for the first year, pro-rated so that business-

- A 50 percent rebate of sales tax paid to the city [excluding the school's portion of taxes] until an aggregate of \$10,000 is abated. That amount would depend on the business and the expected sales volume or impact on the city and would have to be agreed upon by the council. Rebates would be paid annually for a maximum of two years;

- Provide a 20 percent discount on all utilities for the first year beginning when a certificate of occupancy is obtained.

The mayor said specific details on any incentives package would need to be discussed along with financial reviews and other

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ELBA POLICE INVESTIGATE FIRST ACCIDENT AT NEW INTERSECTION...

Elba Police Chief Leslie Hussey said Monday night, March 22, that his department had investigated the first accident at the new U.S. Highway 84 / Alabama Highway 87 intersection last Saturday morning, March 20th [wreckage shown above from that accident]. Hussey said a bullet was dodged in this accident with no one injured, but he said it could have easily been a much different result. He said it was his understanding from his officers that one vehicle failed to stop at a stop sign, thus causing the collision. The two vehicles involved were a locally-owned Nissan Titan truck and an out-of-state Honda Pilot SUV. The police chief said the Honda was occupied by some college students on Spring Break, and the driver of that vehicle failed to stop at the stop sign of the all-way stop intersection.



ELBA MAYOR GETS VACCINATED...Mayor Tom Maddox (center) was among those to roll up his/her sleeve last Saturday morning, March 20, and receive the first of two COVID-19 vaccination shots during a 'drive-thru' clinic hosted in Elba by the city and Troy Regional Medical Center. Troy Regional Medical Center now operates the Elba Medical Clinic office for Dr. Lance K. Dyess and Karen Kelley, C.R.N.P., and the medical provider joined forces with the City of Elba to offer this free COVID-19 vaccination clinic last Saturday on the grounds of Elba Church of Christ. The approximately 160 persons that received the first of two shots required for full vaccination from COVID-19 will return Saturday, April 10, for their second round shot. Reportedly, everything went great last weekend and many of those who came out to be vaccinated were very pleased with how organized the drive-thru clinic was for all. Dr. Dyess is shown above standing next to Mayor Maddox as he received his vaccine shot.

Pike County jury convicts former doctor on rape / sodomy charges



Jean Senecal

According to the Twelfth Judicial District Attorney's Office, the charges resulted from a joint investigation of the Troy Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"I want to thank the investigators for their efforts, as well as Terri Jones, the assistant district attorney that handled the prosecution of the case," District Attorney Tom Anderson said. "The vic-

From the Coffee County Jail Records.... Elba PD officers make arrests

According to the Coffee County Jail records, Elba Police made arrests on varying charges late last week.

On Thursday, March 18, Dominique Trice, age 31, of Elba was booked into the Coffee County Jail at 3:22 p.m. on a fugitive from justice charge. He was released from the county jail Tuesday, March 23, at 2:45 p.m., on a \$150,000 bond.

The next day, Friday, March 19, Elba Police arrested Cory Stephens, age 32, of Glenwood, Ala. He was booked into the Coffee County Jail at 1:12 a.m. that morning on two charges.

Stephens faces a theft of property – first degree charge [carrying a \$25,000 bond], and a burglary – second degree charge [also carrying a \$25,000 bond]. He also remained in the jail as of press time this week.

Also, on Friday, March 19, Kanavis Cole, age 29, of Elba was arrested on multiple charges. He was booked into the Coffee County Jail at 11:55 p.m. last

Friday night and was released on bond at 2:45 p.m. Monday, March 22nd.

The charges Cole faces from the March 19th arrest include: four counts of possession of a controlled substance [each carrying a \$5,000 bond], one count of certain persons forbidden to possess a firearm [carrying a \$5,000 bond], possession of marijuana – second degree [carrying a \$2,500 bond], and a misdemeanor charge of drug paraphernalia [carrying a \$2,500 bond].



D. Trice



C. Stephens



K. Cole

Elba Chief of Police updates city council on vehicle situation

During the Elba City Council meeting held Monday evening, March 22, Police Chief Leslie Hussey said two of the seven recently acquired Ford Crown Victoria used vehicles [from Enterprise] had been taken to the body shop for painting.

He said it was estimated that would take about three weeks before the vehicles would be returned to the department. At that time, he said two more would go for painting, and the rotation would continue until all had been painted.

Hussey said he felt it would take about a month or so to get the first of the Crown Vic's on the road for Elba PD. He added that monies are still being spent to keep the Dodge Chargers repaired and operating. The plan is to replace the Dodge Chargers in the fleet with the Crown Vic patrol cars.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"In the spring, I have counted 136 different kinds of weather inside of 24 hours" - Mark Twain

Springtime is here – according to the calendar. It arrived last week during the depth of our latest cold snap. Folklore has it that South Alabama will always have an Easter cold snap but this one is a bit early in our thinking. Easter is just around the corner and we are probably going to still get that Easter time early morning North winds in the next week or ten days.

Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall joined 20 other state attorneys general in filing a lawsuit to block President Joe Biden's attempt to kill the Keystone XL pipeline that was planned to carry crude oil from Canada to Texas oil refineries. The multi-state lawsuit was filed last Wednesday in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas. Those filing the lawsuit note that shortly after being sworn in office, President Biden revoked the Keystone XL pipeline permit through an executive order. They add that the president is not constitutionally empowered to cancel the international contract. The lawsuit contends that only Congress has the legal authority to approve or cancel the pipeline permit and under the Constitution.

The debate over Daylight Savings Time (DST) heats up twice a year (when we are changing our clocks). This year a number of polls are showing a growing percentage of U.S. citizens supporting a move to 'stop the change' on the federal level. However, when you ask which way is best, with or without DST, the picture gets murkier. One group wants to keep DST or 'fast time' while another group points out reasons to completely do away with it. You can expect to see this debate go on for another year or so and a change will be made. A change to go full DST or back to regular time year-round is right now a flip of the coin chance either way.

President Joe Biden's advisers are reportedly planning to present a proposal to the president sometime this week that recommends carving his planned massive budget-breaking economic agenda into separate legislative pieces, rather than trying to push a package reported to be near a mammoth \$3 trillion package through Congress – on top of the huge economic rescue package just passed in Washington. We have no idea what will be in this huge spending package (by a group already trillions overspent already) but one thing that keeps cropping up with the Washington bunch is highway and bridge updates all across the nation.

The news reports keep quoting Bernie Sanders when talking about bills passing the current U.S. Senate and House of Representatives. Then they start quoting him on "what his next project might be." This bothers us a bit. Sanders tried to run for president but the voters would have very little to do with him. Our thoughts at the time were that the majority didn't like his politics and/or his political promises. If the latter was a major issue, then why is he getting or claiming to be getting all the things he advocated approved? The latest thing we saw was him claiming to "push prescription drug reforms through reconciliation." Bernie be quiet for a while before other lawmakers start a voting backlash against some pretty good bills, hoping it will somehow shut you up!!

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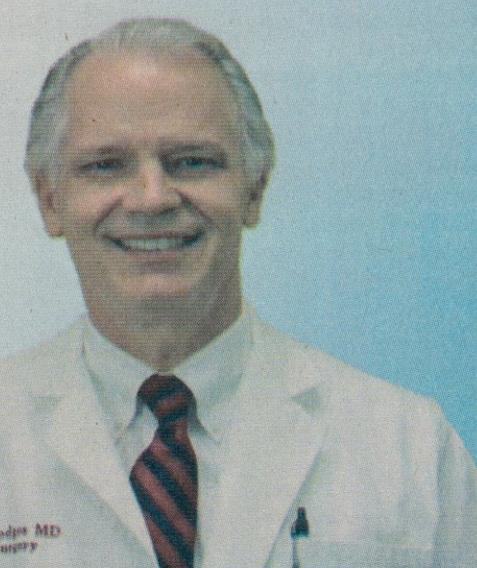
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Area Happenings

THE LBW COMMUNITY COLLEGE ENSEMBLE WILL BE IN CONCERT in Elba on Thursday, April 1, at 7 p.m. This outdoor concert will be held on the square in downtown Elba on the Court Street side of the Coffee County Courthouse. All are invited to attend.

DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL, the Elba Chamber of Commerce will host the annual April Walking Tours of Downtown Elba on Saturdays, April 3rd and April 10th, beginning at 10 a.m. The tours will begin from the Elba Chamber office, located at 329 Putnam Street in downtown Elba.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, March 16, 2021, and Monday, March 22, 2021, conducted the following activity:

Tuesday, March 16 – Fire service call reported at 22293 Hwy 189 (7:13 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 244 Davis St E (8:42 a.m.); Theft of services reported at 519 Williams St – an arrest was made (11:35 a.m.); Elba Police performed a citizen assist at 145 Tiger Dr (12:49 p.m.); Suspicious person reported on Caroline St (3:26 p.m.); Traffic accident reported at intersection of Newton Ave and Claxton Ave (3:29 p.m.); Harassment reported on Simmons St (5:08 p.m.); Kidnapping reported at 1200 County Rd 264 (6:14 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 1337 County Rd 409 (10:25 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 891 Old River Rd (11:43 p.m.). There were four traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in one citation, one written warning, and one report completed.

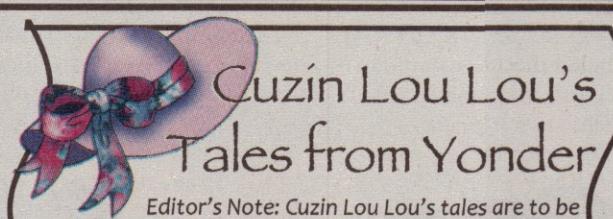
Saturday, March 20 – Harassment reported on Davis St W (6:12 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 541 Plant Ave (9:28 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 541 Plant Ave (11:00 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at the intersection of Hwy 203 and Hwy 87 (11:22 a.m.); Suspicious person reported on Farris Ave (2:10 p.m.); Trespassing reported at 1223 Neil Grantham Dr (6:19 p.m.); Prowler reported in area of Guyton St and Plant Ave (11:53 p.m.). There were four traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in one citation, two verbal warnings, and one report completed.

Wednesday, March 17 – Suspicious person reported in area of Highland Dr and Taylor Mill Rd (12:39 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 877 Claxton Ave (10:35 a.m.); Trespassing reported at 706 Putnam St – an arrest was made (4:39 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 891 Old Samson Rd (8:47 p.m.). There were four traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in two verbal warnings, one written warning, and one report completed.

Sunday, March 21 – Domestic complaint reported at 1284 Ann St (10:29 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 305 Buford St (3:51 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 1320 Highland Dr (6:23 p.m.); Disturbance reported at 615 Jackson Ave (8:22 p.m.). There were three traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in one citation, two verbal warnings, and one report completed.

Monday, March 22 – Suspicious vehicle reported at 638 Claxton Ave N (12:16 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 715 Troy Hwy (2:11 a.m.); Burglary reported at 4684 Hwy 189, Kinston (3:09 a.m.); Animal bites reported on Smith Ave (2:38 p.m.); Breaking and entering of a motor vehicle reported at 102 Polka Ave S (3:25 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 1005 Neil Grantham Dr (5:33 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Farris Ave (8:41 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 28 County Rd 513 (11:29 p.m.). There were five traffic stops recorded on this date with all resulting in a verbal warning issued.

Friday, March 19 – Domestic complaint reported at 154 Yelverton Ave (12:45 a.m.); Citizen assist performed at 312 Collier St (8:46 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 2738 Hickman Ave (9:31 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1649 Boswell St (1:24 p.m.).



Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's tales are to be enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression

Cuzin Lou Lou tells herself each week that she will pick on someone or something other than Sister here in the Tales from Yonder...BUT... Sister just keeps giving her too many good things to work with each week! If Lou Lou ever mysteriously comes up missing, Sister might be the first suspect, and Lou Lou knows some that would say Sister was justified in her actions... Lou Lou is just thankful that Sister is a good sport about it all!

Now, let's delve into Lou Lou and Sister's latest Yonder adventure!

Papa got his first COVID-19 vaccine early last Saturday morning at a drive-thru clinic being sponsored in good 'ole Yonder. Lou Lou

accompanied Papa as moral support, but she wasn't convinced at that moment to get the vaccine herself [nerves had gotten the best of her]. After returning home and seeing how well everything went for Papa, Lou Lou decided she would just go back and get the shot. She asked Sister to drive her down there because Lou Lou is a lefty, and she wanted the shot to be administered into her right arm. Her thought process was that if the arm got sore later, it would be better for her right arm to be sore rather than her left arm.

Sister's immediate reaction was, "No! You are not getting me to take you down there and then trick me into getting that shot!"

Sister is quite terrified of needles!!

Lou Lou assured her that she was only asking her to go to allow for her [Lou Lou's] shot to be given in the right arm. Sister finally agreed to drive Lou Lou down to the clinic.

Everything was going great until Lou Lou and Sister got there, and the first two people they encountered were friends of the pair...Friends that had also gotten the shot earlier in the morning.

I guess it really should have been no surprise that Sister carried on the way she did regarding the vaccine shot, and Sister quickly said, "No!" Lou Lou didn't say a word, but those two did not take no for an answer easily. One even had a medical history to use against sister to convince Sister to give in...It went something like this, "I can get the shot considering all I've been through in the past medically...You can get the shot too!"

Sister had not good argument against that, and she agreed to get the shot.

Now, the task at hand will be convincing Sister to return on April 10th for the second of the two vaccine shots! Lou Lou may need some help on that one!

I guess it really should have been no surprise that Sister carried on the way she did regarding the vaccine shot...after all, she was the child that ran out of the facility and hid years ago when the nurses were trying to administer her routine booster shots. Then, when they got her back inside, it took Mama and extra nurses to hold her still long enough for the booster shots to be administered!

It's a never-ending cycle with 'ole Sister! Somebody give that girl a lollipop!!

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!!

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due diligence requirements occurring before any firm commitments are made. However, he said approving his recommended incentives options would just give him a starting point for negotiations with a potential new business for the city.

The council awarded a contract for the Recreational Building Demolition and Column Repair project to Catrett Construction in the amount of \$87,600. This was the low bid submitted for this project.

The council also gave the mayor permission to execute/sign any documentation associated with this project.

REPORTS

Upon recommendation of District One council member Johnathan Lockett, the council confirmed the appointment of Brock Lambert to serve on the city's planning and zoning board.

Also, the council approved a motion to conduct a work session prior to its first bimonthly meeting each month [second Monday] at 5:30 p.m. to be followed by the council meeting at 6 p.m. [or as soon as the work session concludes, if past 6 p.m.].

The next regular meeting for the council will be Monday, April 12, with the work session at 5:30, followed by the meeting, at Elba City Hall.

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facility to host the vaccine clinic.

The city clerk said the month of April is shaping up to be a busy month in Elba.

On Thursday, April 1, the LBW Community College Ensemble will be in concert on the square in downtown Elba. This free community concert is set to begin at approximately 7 p.m. Also, on Sunday, April 18, at 3 p.m., the Southeast Alabama Community Band will entertain with a free concert, also on the square in downtown Elba.

Bane said the new Annie's restaurant is planning to open in Elba on Monday, April 12, while the O'Reilly's Auto Parts store is planning to open Friday, April 16th. Ribbon cuttings are set for each.

The Elba Chamber of Commerce will host the April Walking Tours – Downtown Elba tour on Saturdays, April 3 and April 10. These tours begin at 10 a.m. from the Elba Chamber office on Putnam Street.

Friday, April 23, is World Book Day. On this day, every child that goes to the Elba Public Library will receive a free book. Also, any child that does not already have a library card and gets one on April 23rd, his/her name will be placed into a drawing for a gift card.

Saturday, April 24, will be Don't Drop It on Elba Day. This community cleanup project is sponsored by the Elba Chamber. Anyone wanting to sign a group up to participate should contact the Elba Chamber office at (334) 897-3125.

Bane said the street department had begun cutting grass, and there is plenty of grass to cut. Also, she said the employees had been spraying ant beds on the levee and would begin, in the next week or so, the

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step in the right direction," Moseley said. "We are not trying to move all the way to the top of the mountain right away, but with his background in technology, I believe Capps can move us forward."

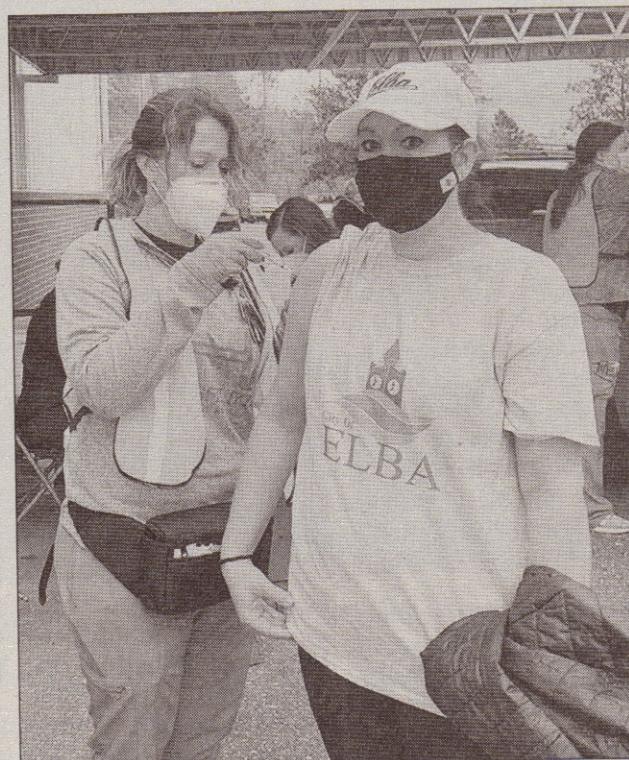
He is currently employed as a math teacher at Elba High School.

The superintendent said Capps had been notified that the recommendation for hiring him to be the technology coordinator would be forthcoming at the board meeting, and he said Capps knew he would be held accountable, if approved for the job, for the ideas the administration has regarding moving forward with technology for Elba City Schools.

Other personnel matters recommended by the superintendent and approved by the board included the accepting three elementary school resignation – Lindsay Swan, elementary special education teacher, along with DeReatha Tolle and Emilee C. Davis, elementary teachers.

Also, the retirement of high school CNP manager Edith Sasser was approved.

"We're taking another



Elba City Clerk Sally Bane received her first COVID-19 vaccine last Saturday, March 20, at the vaccination clinic hosted in Elba by the City and Troy Regional Medical Center. Between 150-160 were vaccinated that day.

seasonal spraying to combat the mosquito population in Elba.

Code enforcement officer Bryson Dear also provided an update from his office during Monday evening's council meeting.

Regarding the FEMA flood buyout project, he said 18 homes had been purchased with demolitions completed on 16 of those. He said city employees demolished nine and seven were demolished by a contractor due to asbestos issues.

Dear said appraisals had been received on the latest 10 homes added to the project. He said these would pretty much conclude all the owner-occupied structures for the project, and the process would next move into rental properties.

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"...and they sent forth Barnabas, that he should go as far as Antioch. Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord. For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord." (Acts 11:22-24)

I like Barnabas! He was an encourager. His name means "son of consolation."

We know very little about him. He was a Levite from the island of Cyprus and the uncle of John Mark. But what made Barnabas so great was not his birthplace or background, it was his character!

According to Acts 4, Barnabas sold his property to support the ministry of the early church. In other words, he was sold out to the cause of Christ.

While we hear a lot more about Paul, it was Barnabas who brought Paul to the forefront of the church. In fact, when Paul was a young Christian, he went to Jerusalem attempting to connect with the disciples. But, because of his previous reputation they thought he was possibly faking faith to infiltrate the church. It is in Acts 9 that we find Barnabas speaking up for Paul, ensuring them his faith was indeed genuine. Barnabas was willing to risk his own reputation to help a person in need.

In Acts 15 we find the famous dispute concerning John Mark. In the end, John Mark was restored...because Barnabas refused to throw him away.

Again in Acts 15, we read, "Barnabas and Paul, Men that have hazarded their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." This tells us that Barnabas did not take the ways of least resistance (that's usually what makes rivers and men crooked).

When it was determined that the disciples at Antioch would send financial assistance to their Christian brethren dwelling in Judea, Barnabas was one of the men entrusted to hand deliver the money.

Barnabas was faithful, loyal, loving, selfless, and humble. In a word, Barnabas was Christlike.

Shouldn't that be every Christian's goal? Absolutley! But we need to know that Barnabas may not have always been as we know him. In Acts 4:36 we find, "And Joses, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas, (which is, being interpreted, the son of consolation) ..." Joses was just a common name. But after he was converted and devoted himself to the cause of Christ, the disciples noted his excellent character and changed his name to Barnabas. We don't know what he was like before, but his post-conversion excellence was a by-product of the gospel at work in his life.

There is not a week which goes by that I don't see some area of my life where I need improvement. Barnabas serves as an excellent example of what Christ can do for us when we "with purpose of heart cleave unto the Lord."

New Hope Senior Center seeking new clients to serve

The New Hope Senior Citizens Center is taking applications for new clients. To participate in the center's programs, senior citizens must be 60 years of age or older. For additional information, contact New Hope Senior Center director Connie Banks at (334) 735-5433.

IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN

ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH SAMSON, Ala.

Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor

Morn. Worship...10:30 a.m. Even. Service...5:00 p.m.

Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.

ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School...10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship...11:30 a.m.

Even. Worship...6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH

Deborah Butler, Pastor

Sunday School...10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.

Wed. Bible Study...6:00 p.m.

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Sunday School...10:00 a.m.

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Wed. Bible Class...6:30 p.m.

BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH

Greg Cotter, Pastor

Sunday School...9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship...10:00 a.m.

Disciple Train...5:30 p.m.

Even. Worship...6:30 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

Tom Senn, Pastor

Sunday School...10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship...6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH

Robert Davis, Pastor

Sunday School...10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship...6:00 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH

Remonia Smith, Pastor

Church Office...9:00 a.m.

2nd & 4th Sundays

Sunday School...9:00 a.m.

1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

Sunday School...10:00 a.m.

2nd & 4th Sundays

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

Larry Mills, Pastor

Sunday School...10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.

Even. Services...6:00 p.m.

Wed. Night...7:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

Lovell Martin, Pastor

Sunday School...9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.

Even. Service...6:30 p.m.

Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Mt. Gilead Church announces Saturday, March 27, BBQ Sale

Mt. Gilead Church, 7638 Hwy 87 S, Elba will have a BBQ Sale on Saturday. Pickup begins at 11 a.m. March 27. Whole Boston that morning.

Elba United Methodist and Westside Baptist churches planning Saturday, April 3, Easter Egg Hunt at 10 a.m.

Elba United Methodist April 3, from 10-11 a.m. Church and Westside Baptist at Elba United Methodist Church in downtown Elba, jointly sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 3, Easter Egg Hunt at 10 a.m.

Basin Baptist Church plans to restart Sunday School on Easter, April 4th

Basin Baptist Church currently meets at 10 a.m. Sunday mornings for 'in-person' worship service. This is accompanied by a 'live' Facebook feed for those unable to attend in person.

Beginning Easter Sunday

Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church announces

a planned meeting of the Church Cemetery Trust Fund on Saturday, March 27, at 10 a.m. The meeting will be at the church, located on County Road 228, near Victoria. All concerned people are urged to attend.

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LIFESTYLES

TRIBUTE
IN MEMORY OF MAMA LORENE BLUE
60 YEARS LATER

"AND
THE
LIGHT
WENT
OUT"

It was on
March 30,
1961

Just before
the day
was done

When celestial
host sounded
the gong

And the
light
went out!



Oh, that light bears memories for me; It lends a torch for me to see,
For all was made "well by thee" Before the light went out!
I heard her say, "Thy will be done" Just before he sounded the gong,
Yes, it all happened in '61, when the light went out!

Precious memories shall forever be, A solace to know she lives with thee.
Prepare me too, to go happily, when my light goes out!

THE BLUE FAMILY

Written By: Helen Blue Scott (Sister of Sylvia Blue Terrell)

Blair, Eddins named branch managers for TB&T

Jeff Kervin, president County and Troy Bank & Trust, and CEO of Troy Bank & Trust, recently announced that Melonee Blair and Anita Eddins had been named as branch managers for the Elba and New Brockton and Enterprise branches. A member of Ino Baptist Church, she is married to Dean Blair and they have one son, a daughter-in-law and two grandchildren.

A native of Coffee County, Blair graduated from Elba High School and attended Enterprise State Community College. She has over 20 years of banking experience with a universal banker to branch manager. She attended



Blair will continue to serve as a vice president, loan officer, and security officer for the bank.

Blair serves on the Coffee County Baptist Association WMU Committee.

Originally from Enterprise, Ala., Eddins is being promoted from a universal banker to branch manager. She attended

Several local students named to Chancellor's and Provost's lists for Troy University's Term 3

Troy University last week announced its Chancellor's List honorees for Term 3 of the 2020-2021 academic year.

Full-time undergraduate students who are registered for at least 12 semester hours and who earn a grade point average of 4.0 qualify for the Chancellor's List. Term 3 includes students at TROY's campuses in Dothan, Phenix City and Montgomery, Ala., along with students outside of Alabama and online.

Local students named to the Chancellor's List included:

KINSTON: Cyrus Mitchell

JACK: Jordan Turner

Troy University recognizes Foundation Scholarship recipients from local area

Troy University recognizes Foundation Scholarship recipients for the 2020/2021 academic year. The TROY Foundation provides stewardship for a number of scholarships which are established through the generosity of private donors to assist TROY students in their educational pursuits.

Local students who received scholarships include:

ELBA: Taylor Boswell, Destiny Hataway, Charles Johnson, Kirsten Jones, and

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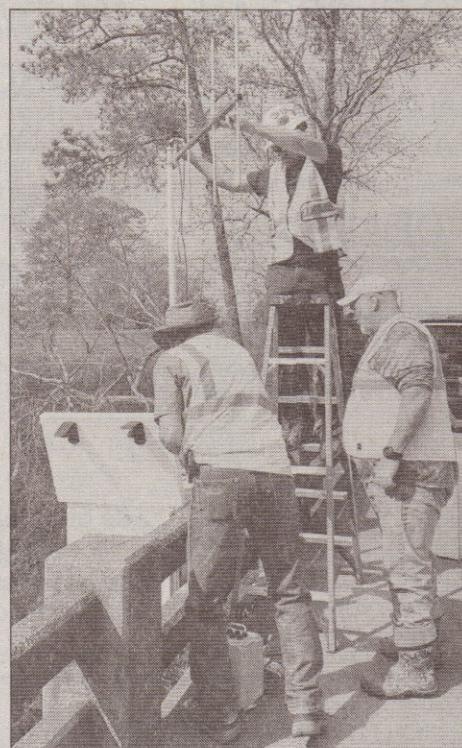
The Elba Housing Authority does not discriminate because of race, color, national origin, sex, perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, religion, familial status, or disability. The Elba Housing Authority has handicapped accessible units.

Local flood warning system rain & river level gauges replaced by CPYRWMA

The Choctawhatchee, Pea and Yellow Rivers Watershed Management Authority (CPYRWMA) recently replaced three rain and river level gauges in Coffee and Dale counties. The gauges replaced include Elba on State Highway 84E on the Pea River, Lowery Mill on County Road 215 at Whitewater Creek, and Skiperville on State Highway 105N at the West Fork of the Choctawhatchee River. The new gauges are equipped with state-of-the-art radar technology and are critical gauges as they monitor rainfall and river levels on the Pea River and the Choctawhatchee. The gauges are a part of the CPYRWMA's basin-wide Flood Warning System (FWS).

The purpose of the FWS is to provide timely, reliable, and accurate warnings of potential flooding in areas experiencing threatening weather conditions. Information from the FWS is disseminated real time to Emergency Management Agencies, state and local officials, and the National Weather Service for use in preparing forecasts.

The CPYRWMA manages watersheds in the ten southeastern counties of Alabama focusing on water quality, water quantity, flood control and prevention, and water conservation education.



This photo shows the rain and river level gauge at the Pea River Bridge in Elba being replaced recently. The new gauge is equipped with state-of-the-art technology.

DAV Chapter 99 to meet March 25th

The March 2021 meeting for the DAV Wiregrass Chapter 99, located in New Brockton, Ala., will be held Thursday, March 25, at 6 p.m., in the New Brockton Senior Center.

Everyone is asked to bring a dish. All members are asked to attend.

For further information contact Charles Lobdell at 334-718-5707 or Mike Doran at 334-406-6700.



News:

Coffee County 4-H currently has two programs open for youth ages 9-18.

The first is the Chick Chain program. Youth who participate in this program will receive 10 baby chicks to raise and then show at the National Peanut Festival in October. Cost is \$50, but youth who attend required meetings and complete the project, receive the \$50 back at the end of the project.

The second program is the Coffee County 4-H Livestock Judging Club that will have its first meeting Thursday, March 25, at 5:30 p.m. at the Coffee County Extension office in New Brockton. This club is free to join and open to all youth ages 9-18.

For more information about the Coffee County 4-H program, call the extension office at 894-5596.



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Prepaid personal**HELP WANTED****THE CITY OF ENTERPRISE**THE CITY OF ENTERPRISE IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF **FACILITIES MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN**

Summary: responsible for maintaining City buildings and downtown decorations. Receives building maintenance requests and responds appropriately. Performs general electrical, plumbing, carpentry and HVAC maintenance. Maintains and cleans Boll Weevil Monument. Maintains tools, supplies and equipment. Sets up downtown decorations/banners. Installs banners/decorations.

Starting Salary: \$13.36/HR

OPENING DATE:
March 19th, 2021CLOSING DATE:
April 2nd, 2021To Apply, please visit www.enterpriseal.gov**CITY OF ENTERPRISE**CITY HALL, 501 S MAIN ST.
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EOE**THE CITY OF ENTERPRISE**IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF **REVENUE CLERK**
(PARKS AND REC)

Summary: The employee is responsible for processing participant registration for parks and recreation activities. Maintains ledger or revenue received on computer spreadsheet. Prepares daily income report. Processes facility rental fees. Performs various clerical duties in support of the director and department. Manages the concession stands of the parks and recreation department. Carries out purchasing activities for the Department.

Starting Salary: \$11.93/HR

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EOE**THE CITY OF ENTERPRISE**THE CITY OF ENTERPRISE IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF **BUILDING AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE WORKER 1**

Summary: employee assists with all aspects of building/grounds maintenance to include: carpentry, plumbing, electrical, masonry, horticulture, irrigation systems, equipment, ball fields, parks, swimming pool; operates tractor with implements and heavy equipment; assists with various special events.

Starting Salary: \$10.64/HR

OPENING DATE:
March 23RD, 2021CLOSING DATE:
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Highway Specialties, Inc

3/18,25,41,&8-pd.

More Public Notices on Page 7!

COFFEE COUNTY PROPERTY TAX LEGALS

ELBA DIVISION LEGAL NOTICE STATE OF ALABAMA COFFEE COUNTY REVENUE COMMISSIONER'S SALE

I, Ronald L. Burns, Revenue Commissioner for Coffee County, by virtue of a decree rendered by the Probate Judge, Jodee R. Thompson, of said county on March 2, 2021 will proceed to sell to the highest bidder for cash, before the courthouse door in Elba, said county within the hours of legal sale on April 20th, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. the following described Real Estate for taxes and cost due thereon for the year 2020.

March 18, 25 & April 1 - 2021

BLACKMON CAROLYN B & W RW CO RD 5 TH N'LY ESTATE 11-04-18-1-001-048,000 S/T/R-18/05N/20E COM AT INT OF E RW OF REESE ST & N RW OF GARRETT ST, TH NE'LY 250'S; SE'LY 20'S TO P.O.B. TH SELY 60'; NE'LY 170'S; NW'LY 60'; SW'LY 180'S TO P.O.B. Tax & Costs 50.17 Printer's Fee 34.83 Total 85.00

BLACKMON JOHN W 05-08-27-0-000-003.007 S/T/R-27/06N/19E BEG @ INT N/L NW 1/4 & E RW CO RD 54'; E 1469.80'; S 825'S, WLY 968'S, NW'LY 409'S, E 294.12'; N 177.72'; SW 434.16'; NW 600.34' TO POB. CONT 23 AC(C).

Tax & Costs 525.57 Printer's Fee 34.17 Total 559.74

BRADSHAW EDDIE D & JO ANNE 11-06-23-0-000-003.001 S/T/R-23/05N/20E COM AT INT OF S RW OF CO RD 501 AND E RW OF CO RD 505, TH SWLY 1330'S TO P.O.B. SE 210'; SW 210'; NW 210'; NE 210' TO P.O.B. CONT 1 AC Tax & Costs 328.60 Printer's Fee 35.49 Total 364.09

BRANTLEY SHAWN ALLEN & MARLOWE BRIDGET 19-03-05-0-000-001.003 S/T/R-05/03N/20E BEG AT S RW OF CO RD 462 AND E RW OF CO RD 497, TH E 260'; SW 255.76'; NW 276.24'; NE 260' TO P.O.B. CONT 1.5 AC Tax & Costs 57.66 Printer's Fee 33.51 Total 91.17

CARPENTER AMELIA THOMAS 06-03-06-0-000-021.000 S/T/R-06/06N/20E A LOT SE1/4 OF SW1/4 DESC AS BEG INTER S SEC LINE& NE RW CO RD 21, TH NELY 528' TH NWLY 146.5' TH SWLY 528' TH SELY 146' TO POB. CONT 1.8 AC Tax & Costs 101.51 Printer's Fee 34.17 Total 135.68

CLARK RODNEY & LAURA 20-05-21-0-000-002.001S/T/R-21/03N/19E BEG AT INT OF S/L OF SE1/4 OF NE1/4 OF SEC 17 & TH E 726; N 450'; W 726'; N 450'; W 726'; S 450' TO P.O.B. Tax & Costs 867.40 Printer's Fee 30.87 Total 898.27

CLARK RODNEY & LAURA CLARK 20-05-21-0-000-002.002 S/T/R-21/03N/19E COM AT INT OF W/L OF SE1/4 OF NE1/4 & W RW CO RD 473 TH SELY 338.88' TO P.O.B. TH SELY 239.39'; SW 272.94'; NW 239.39'; NE 272.94' TO P.O.B. Tax & Costs 931.05 Printer's Fee 34.17 Total 965.22

CLARK RODNEY & LAURA 20-05-21-0-000-008.000 S/T/R-21/03N/19E COM AT INT OF N/L OF NW 1/4 OF SE 1/4 & W RW CO RD 5, TH SLY 700'(S) TO P.O.B. TH SLY 186.6', WLY 210', NLY 186.6', ELY 210.2' TO POB Tax & Costs 923.36 Printer's Fee 36.15 Total 959.51

CLARK RODNEY & LAURA W 20-05-21-0-000-007.002 S/T/R-21/03N/19E BEG @ INT OF C/L OF CRIPPLE CREEK

Tax & Costs 63.32 Printer's Fee 28.89 Total 92.21

JACOBS AMBER TAMURA 13-09-31-0-000-001.004 S/T/R-31/04N/19E COM @ NW COR OF SW 1/4 OF NE 1/4 E 840'(S) TO POBNEY 404.7' SELY 165.55' SWLY 147.5' W 311.37' TO POB Tax & Costs 122.98 Printer's Fee 27.57 Total 150.55

JOHNSON CLINTON 02-05-22-0-000-009.011 S/T/R-22/07N/21E BEG AT THE INT OF N RW OF CO. RD. 209 AND W/L OF SW 1/4, TH NW 813.15', NE 523.26', S 880.45' TO P.O.B. CONT 5.14

CROCKER RALPH B 11-04-18-4-002-038.000 S/T/R-18/05N/20E BROOKDALE SUDB BLK D LOT 21 ELBA Tax & Costs 574.58 Printer's Fee 17.01 Total 591.59

EDWARDS TYLER 20-04-20-1-000-054.000 S/T/R-20/03N/19E FAIRVIEW ADD 1/4, TH N 1109.01' TO P.O.B. TH N 430.11'; NE 732.83'; SE 175'; SW 927.43' TO P.O.B. CONT 5.19 AC. Tax & Costs 37.47 Printer's Fee 28.78 Total 66.25

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SPORTS NEWS

Views From
The Pressbox
By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

We took our grandson Lawson to Desoto Caverns, in Childersburg, over the weekend, and while we did walk quite a bit, he thoroughly enjoyed the trip and even explained to me the difference between stalactites and stalagmites. It was a weekend getaway for us all, and one we will long remember.

For what it is worth....

*** The Elba Tigers saw their post-season hopes dashed last week with two area losses to G.W. Long that left the Tigers 0-2 in the area series. Just last week the Tigers had won five straight games and owned a 5-1 record, but they have now dropped five straight, including four area contests, and will be playing for pride the rest of the season. I know the players, coaches and fans are disappointed, but I believe the Tigers will bounce back and close the season with a bang to let everyone know that a pretty good team didn't make the playoffs.

*** The Elba Lady Tigers will be happy to get a few days out of school for next week's spring break, but at the same time have to be a little disappointed about the timing of the break since they are on a roll and in the last three games have scored a total of 44 runs. All Lady Tiger fans believe that if the team can score five runs a game it will be hard to beat with Ayrika Caldwell inside the circle, and in recent games the team has had no problem scoring runs in bunches. Elba is in one of the state's toughest area's along with G.W. Long, Ariton and Zion Chapel. However, if the girls keep improving and keep knocking the ball all over the park they may just open some eyes and make post-season plans of their own.

*** It was an interesting week of action in high school baseball and softball, especially in New Brockton, where the Lady Gamecocks finally put everything together to claim five wins to claim the championship of a tournament in Ozark, and the Gamecocks snapped a season-long losing streak with a win over Zion Chapel. The big news in Brantley was that both the Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs were ranked #1 in the state in the first sportswriters poll of the season, while down at Kinston the Bulldogs swept a key area series with Pleasant Home and the Lady Bulldogs were only two outs away from an area win over the Lady Eagles when the rains hit. Up at Zion Chapel, the Rebels continued to improve in both sports, and are looking forward to the remainder of the season. Yep, we still have some fun left!

*** Auburn University released the financial details of the salaries of the football coaching staff for the 2021 season and it was obvious the Tigers were ready to spend whatever it took to produce a winning team. The report revealed that the ten on-field coaches on new head coach Bryan Harsin's staff would take home a combined \$6.44 million, while the head man would make a cool \$5 million. Defensive coordinator Derek Mason will make \$1.5 million, followed by offensive coordinator Mike Bobo at \$1.3 million, while the offensive and defensive line coaches will both make \$700,000. The low man on the totem pole will be the wide-receivers coach, who will take home \$300,000. While the total is already pretty high, when you add in the buyouts for Gus Malzahn and his assistants, the total expenses for the season will exceed \$70 million. Not exactly pocket change, even for a school like Auburn!

*** The National Football League made its owners and players mighty happy last week when it signed a new 11-year TV deal with multiple networks worth \$110 billion. The new deal will begin in 2023, with games to be televised on CBS, NBC, FOX, ESPN and Amazon. CBS will continue to be the home for the teams in the AFC, while NBC will house the NFC, NBC will televise Sunday night football, ESPN will keep Monday night football, and Amazon will air games on Thursday night. There is no doubt the contract will result in the networks raising fees to cable providers, which will result in a price increase to subscribers and that Amazon will help move games to new pay providers. I know the NFL is popular and has a huge fan base, but it's just hard to believe it is worth \$10 billion per year to televise the games.

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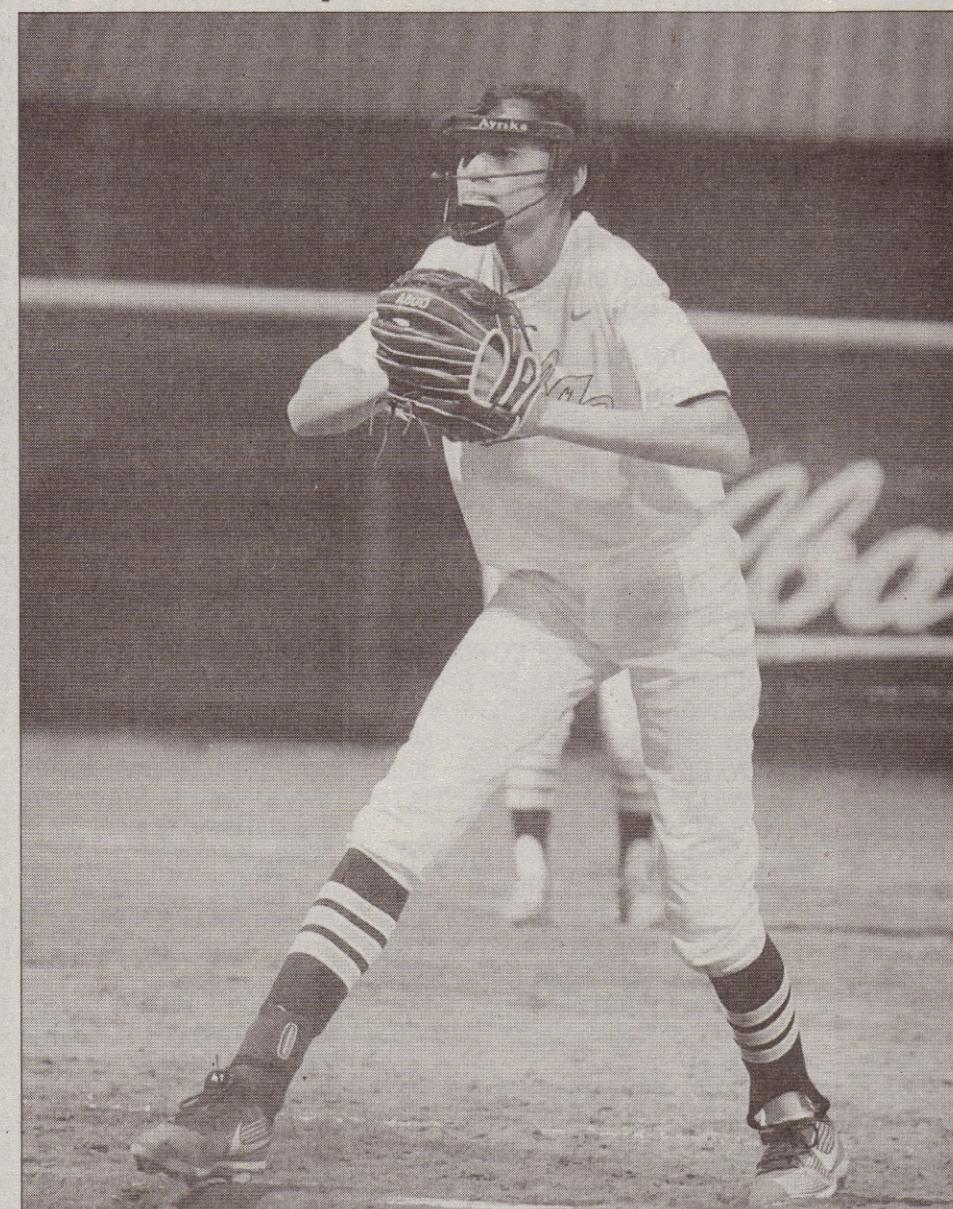
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Caldwell strikes out 15

Lady Tigers stroll past Goshen 14-4



Elba Lady Tiger Ayrika Caldwell prepares to deliver a pitch during last week's 14-4 win over Goshen. Caldwell, an eighth-grader, has led her team to a winning record.

(Photo by Roberta Gideon)

sixth as they sealed the 14-4 win.

Andrya Chism had 2 hits, scored 1 run and collected 1 RBI to lead the Lady Tigers at the plate, while Jayla Gray added 2 hits and scored 2 runs, Ayrika Caldwell

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Ayrika Caldwell was the winning pitcher as she tossed six innings and allowed three earned runs on four hits, while recording 15 strikeouts.

Elba watches lead vanish in
9-2 area loss to G.W. Long

The Elba Tigers carried 3-1 lead into the bottom of the fifth inning, but saw G.W. Long put seven runs on the scoreboard in its half of the frame to grab an 8-1 lead and never again threatened in a 9-3 road loss to the third-ranked Rebels.

Elba left two runners on base in the top of the second after two-out singles by Connor Burrow and Paxton Wise, and trailed 1-0 heading into the third. However, the Tigers took advantage of one hit and three long errors in the inning and plated three runs to take a surprising 3-1 lead.

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SPORTS NEWS

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BASEBALL:

New Brockton knocks off Zion Chapel 8-3

The New Brockton Gamecocks pulled ahead 8-0 early and held on late to defeat the Zion Chapel Rebels 8-3. Kaden Cupp and Drew Cashin both had 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead the Gamecocks, while Baylon Foster added 1 hit and scored 2 runs, and Payton Green and Riley Simmons both scored 2 runs. Drew Cashin was the winning pitcher as he tossed seven innings and allowed no earned runs on two hits, while striking out 17. Paden Boothe had 1 hit and 1 rbi to lead the Rebels, while Stetson Adcock added 1 hit and scored 1 run.

New Brockton JV sweeps Daleville 'Hawks

The New Brockton junior varsity Gamecocks made it look easy Saturday afternoon as it rolled to an 11-1 and 21-0 win over Daleville.

In the 11-1 win, the Gamecocks jumped ahead 5-0 early and coasted in with the win. James Downing had 2 hits and 2 rbi's to lead the Gamecocks, while Hunter White added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; Jerome Haffner added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; and, Cade Kirkland added 1 hit and 2 rbi's. Robert Boutwell was the winning pitcher as he tossed three innings and allowed one hit, while striking out two.

In the 21-0 win, the Gamecocks scored 16 runs in the first inning and never looked back to claim the lopsided win. Baylon Foster had 2 hits, scored 3 runs and knocked in 3 runs to lead the Gamecocks, while Joshua English added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 3 rbi's; Robert Boutwell added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 3 rbi's; James Downing added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's; and, Cade Kirkland added 1 hit, scored 3 runs and had 2 rbi's. Hunter White, Ryan Phillips and Dallas Bourne combined to pitch three innings and allowed one hit, with five strikeouts.

Zion Chapel JV cages Gamecocks 7-4

The Zion Chapel Rebels rallied to score six runs in their final two at-bats to claim an exciting 7-4 win over the New Brockton Gamecocks. Wes Braisted had 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead the Rebels, while Preston Eddins added 1 hit and 2 rbi's, and Kavan Brown added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Austin Jordan was the winning pitcher as he tossed four innings and allowed one hit, with six strikeouts. The Gamecocks were led at the plate by Chase Ray with 1 hit and 1 run scored.

Zion Chapel blanked by Goshen Eagles 12-0

The Zion Chapel Rebels fell behind early and never caught up as they were no-hit in a 12-0 loss to the Goshen Eagles. While the Rebels failed to muster a hit, the Eagles combined 11 hits with 9 Zion Chapel errors claim the big win. Ethan Young and Wes Braisted combined to pitch seven innings and allowed 11 hits and 5 earned runs, while recording six strikeouts.

Zion Chapel JV coast past Eagles 15-0

The Zion Chapel Rebels junior varsity needed only three innings to post a lopsided 15-0 victory over the Goshen Eagles. John Foster Hamm had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi to lead the Rebels at the plate, while Jackson Adcock added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; Brayden Benbow added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; and, Brodie Stinson scored 3 runs. Tyler Bass pitched three innings and allowed one hit, while striking out six.

Kinston Bulldogs pop Pleasant Home 4-3

The Kinston Bulldogs pushed across the winning run on a sacrifice bunt by Hunter Hughes that allowed Owen Patterson to cross the plate in a key 4-3 area win over Pleasant Home. Patterson had tripled with one out and scored on the Hughes bunt in the top of the seventh inning to lift the Bulldogs to the win. Cale Sumblin had 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead the Bulldogs, while Owen Patterson had 1 hit and scored 3 runs, and Hunter Hughes and Konner Walker both added 1 hit and 1 rbi. Jeb Crosby and Cale Sumblin combined to pitch seven innings for Kinston and allowed three earned runs on eight hits, with eight strikeouts.

Zion Chapel JV roll over Elba 13-3

The Zion Chapel junior varsity pulled ahead early and pulled away late to post a big 13-3 win over the Elba Tigers. Austin Jordan had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's to lead the Rebels, while Preston Eddins added 2 hits and scored 2 runs; Kavan Brown added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; and, Wes Braisted added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi. John Foster Hamm was the winning pitcher as he tossed four innings and allowed three earned runs on six hits, while striking out six. Jordan Hammonds had 2 hits and 2 rbi's to lead the Tigers, while Ty Sieving added 1 hit and scored 2 runs, Collin Arnold added 2 hits and scored 2 runs, and Brady Johnson and Dalton Grantham both added 1 hit.

Kinston Bulldogs complete area sweep 7-5

The Kinston Bulldogs scored 3 runs in both the second and fourth innings to complete an area sweep over Pleasant Home 7-5. Owen Patterson had 3 hits, including a double and a triple, scored 2 runs and collected 4 rbi's to lead the Bulldogs, while Konner Walker added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; and, Hunter Hughes and Cale Sumblin both added 1 hit and 1 rbi. Hunter Hughes pitched six and two-thirds innings to pick up the win and allowed three earned runs on five hits, while Jeb Crosby picked up the save.

Brantley JV tripped up by Trojans 12-2

The Brantley Bulldogs junior varsity trailed only 3-2 after one inning, but couldn't keep up and lost to Charles Henderson 12-2. Jayden Parks had 2 hits to lead the Bulldogs, while Tyson Grant added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; Chaz Brumain added 1 hit and scored 1 run; and, JH Kilcrease added 1 hit and 1 rbi. Kendrick Welch and JH Kilcrease combined to pitch five innings and allowed two earned runs on seven hits, while striking out nine.

Brantley Bulldogs outscored by Trojans 14-9

The Brantley Bulldogs trailed only 9-8 after four innings, but couldn't keep pace in the closing innings in a 14-9 loss to Charles Henderson.

Dalton Daniels had 1 hit, scored 2 runs and collected 1 rbi to lead the Bulldogs, while Kaleb Weed and Jordan Parks both added 1 hit and 3 rbi's, Luke Kilcrease and Carson Jones both added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi, and Tucker Kilcrease added 1 hit and scored 2 runs. Five Brantley pitchers allowed 14 earned runs on 14 hits and five walks.



NEW BROCKTON LADY GAMECOCKS - SPRING FLING CHAMPIONS

SOFTBALL:

Brantley Lady Bulldogs kick Kinston 4-2

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs used a 3-run third inning to take charge and held on for a 4-2 win over Kinston. Mary Driggers had 1 hit and 1 rbi to lead Brantley, while Emma Crawley added 1 hit and Hope Richardson, Libby Knighten and Rylee Odum all scored 1 run. Hope Richardson was the winning pitcher as she tossed our innings and allowed one earned run on three hits, while striking out three. McKinley Bailey had 1 hit and 1 rbi to lead Kinston, while Marybeth Weeks added 1 hit and scored 1 run, Brynne Kelley added 1 hit, and Aubrie Brown scored 1 run. Lillian Sumblin pitched three innings and allowed two earned runs on two hits, while striking out two.

Brantley Lady Bulldogs edge Kinston 6-5

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs used a 6-run second inning to pull ahead and held on for a slim 6-5 win over Kinston. Emma Crawley had 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's to lead Brantley, while Libby Knighten, Kendall Nichols, Savannah Nichols and Avery Brunson all added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Savannah Nichols was the winning pitcher as she tossed three innings, allowed three earned runs on four hits, and had 1 strikeout. Taylor McKinney had 1 hit, scored 1 run and collected three rbi's to lead Brantley, while Chloe Phillips and Reagan Smith both added 1 hit and had 1 rbi.

New Brockton rallied past Lady Knights 10-9

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks used a 4-run fifth inning to pull ahead and held on to claim a wild 10-9 win over Northside Methodist. Kiersten Sunday had 4 hits, scored 1 run and added 2 rbi's to lead the Lady Gamecocks, while Madison Meeks added 3 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; Mckenlie Jenkins added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 5 rbi's; Lizzy Everts added 2 hits and scored 2 runs; and Kennedy Hussey and Maddie Jenkins both added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Bailey Blackmon and Mckenlie Jenkins combined to pitch seven innings and allowed four earned runs on 11 hits, with four strikeouts.

Lady Gamecock JV blanked by Opp 14-0

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks were doomed by a 9-run second inning in a 14-0 loss to Opp. Kirstyn Ramirez and Kimberly Tran had 1 hit, apiece, for the Lady Gamecocks, while Anna Blackmon drew two walks.

Zion Chapel zapped by Lady Cats 14-4

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels fell behind 4-0 early and never caught up in a 14-4 loss to the Ariton Lady Cats. Haley Jacobs had 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead the Lady Rebels, while Melanie Diehl added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; Riley Bannin added 1 hit and 2 rbi's; and, Shea Wambles added 1 hit and 1 rbi.

Lady Gamecocks bopped by Opp 12-5

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks fell behind 7-0 early and saw a late rally fall short in a 12-5 area loss to Opp. Kennedy Hussey had 2 hits, including two doubles, scored 1 run and knocked in 3 runs to lead the Lady Gamecocks at the plate, while Bailey Blackmon added 2 hits, Jordyn Thornton blasted a 2-run homer, and Megan Eldridge added 1 hit and scored 2 runs. Two Lady Gamecock pitchers allowed four earned runs on 13 hits.

Lady Rebels blanked by G.W. Long 10-0

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels fell behind early and never threatened in a 10-0 area loss to G.W. Long. Shea Wambles, Alexus Wambles, Kaylen McAllister, Haley Jacobs and Aubrey Weber all had 1 hit for the Lady Rebels.

Brantley ranked #1 in both polls

The Alabama Sports Writers Association released its first high school baseball and softball polls of the season last week with the Brantley Bulldogs and Brantley Lady Bulldogs both atop their respective polls in Class 1A.
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COMMUNITY NEWS

CEC conducting 2021 annual meeting via mail and online

Covington Electric Co-op takes great pride in the success of its annual meeting. The meeting is an opportunity for members to hear from co-op leaders, fellowship with each other and CEC employees, and participate in board elections among other activities.

Last year was the first time CEC has cancelled an annual meeting due to a national crisis. That difficult decision was necessary due to the rapidly emerging COVID-19 pandemic and the lockdowns that followed.

Preparations for CEC's annual meeting begin many months before the actual event; therefore, decisions have to be made early. With this in mind, CEC leaders did not see a safe way to hold a large in-person event again this year, especially considering a vast majority of annual meeting attendees represent those who are most vulnerable to the virus. As we all know, the pandemic was surging in late December and January when plans were being considered.

Like last year, CEC members can still make their voices heard when it comes to choosing their cooperative leadership. Each member should have already received an annual meeting packet in the mail that contains a ballot for the election of trustees to represent Districts I and II. This packet gives members the option to vote online using a specified website (not the CEC website) and a personal identification number, or they can cast their vote by mail using the pre-paid, self-addressed envelope. Ballots will not be accepted at any CEC office. The confidential ballot process is being conducted through an independent tabulator.

Financial information related to the previous year

can be found in CEC's annual report that will be inserted in the April issue of Alabama Living magazine. A survey will also be included in the annual report.

Members who complete the annual report survey and submit it to CEC by the stated deadline will receive an additional \$5 bill credit. This survey can also be completed online at the CEC website covington.coop.

In place of door prizes, each member that votes in the board election will receive a \$15 credit on their April bill and be entered into a drawing for bill credits ranging from \$50 to \$600.



DAY CROWNED YOUNG MISS TROY... Last Saturday night, March 20, Elba's very own Taylor Day was crowned the 2021 Young Miss Troy. On her way to winning the crown, Taylor also won the interview, and photogenic categories as well.



Cadence Elmore (2) had a four-hit game Thursday, March 18 to lead the Kinston Lady Bulldogs in a 15-6 loss to Wicksburg. Elmore had singles in the first, third, and fifth innings and a double in the sixth inning. She reached base each of her at-bats for the Lady Bulldogs.

Had lead vs. Pleasant Home when game stopped due to weather

Kinston drops March 18 game against Wicksburg

Stats and photos submitted by Cindy Smith & Samantha Smith

On Tuesday, March 16, the Kinston Varsity Softball team met Pleasant Home in an area matchup. This game was stopped in the bottom of the seventh inning due to heavy rain and field conditions.

The Lady Bulldogs from Kinston had the lead 10-6 when the game was stopped by officials; however, since it is an area contest, it will have to be completed at a later date before a winner can be awarded the "W". When the game is resumed

Cadence Elmore led the Lady 'Dawgs at bat with four hits in four at-bats. She had singles in the first, third and fifth innings, and she added a double in the sixth inning.

Also having a multi-hit day for Kinston was Kelsi

THE SOUTHEAST ALABAMA COMMUNITY BAND WILL BE IN CONCERT SUNDAY, APRIL 18, ON THE SQUARE IN DOWNTOWN ELBA, AT 3 P.M. THIS FREE CONCERT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

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at a later date, there will be one out in the bottom of the seventh inning.

The Bulldogs had a total of 10 hits in the loss.

Sydney Smith worked from the mound for Kinston going four and two thirds innings. She allowed 12 runs on nine hits, but she did strikeout four batters. Macie Smith threw two and a third innings in relief pitching for Kinston.

LBW to host Skills USA fishing tourney on Thursday, April 8

Lurleen B. Wallace Community College invites the public to participate in the 2021 SkillsUSA fishing tournament set for Thursday, April 8, from 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at the MacArthur Campus pond in Opp, Ala.

Proceeds from the tournament support LBWCC students as they participate in technical skills competitions. The entry fee is \$5 for students and \$10 for others.

The award for biggest fish is \$75, and smallest fish is \$25. Participants may register onsite the day of the event.

Fishing tournament fees and signed releases are required for each person fishing. Minors under age 16 must fish with an adult. No boats are allowed in the pond, and fish must be kept alive to be considered for prizes. Concessions will be available during the tournament.

For tournament rules, entry forms, or more information regarding the SkillsUSA fishing tournament, contact Denise Sauls at 334-493-5328.

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